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Organizing #9B Lesson Plan

Let's Get Organized!

Grade Level: Primary

Subject: Developing Organizational Skills in the First Days of School

Lesson Aim/Objective:

Students will:

- Understand the importance of being organized
- Develop an organizational system that will last throughout the year

Motivation:

Show pictures of both organized and disorganized desks, cubbies and other spaces in the classroom. Discuss what works and what doesn't work for each picture. Develop answers together for the guiding question: why get organized?

Instruction/Procedure:

1. Identify zones that will need organizing in the classroom: desks, cubbies, workstations. Discuss purposes for each zone: the activities that happen there, supplies needed, and storage units that should be available in each spot.
2. Starting with student desks, sort and categorize the supplies needed for work that will be completed there. Map out the space in desks and assign a home for each category of supplies. Take a mental picture (or use iPad to take a picture if available) of a great organizational job well done!
3. Repeat for cubbies, be sure to sort, categorize and discuss purpose of the zone.
4. Continue to follow step one as classroom zones are identified throughout the first week of school. When workstations are introduced, be sure to focus on the "home" for each supply as well as the importance of always returning supplies to their home. Model and provide time for practice.

Follow Up:

Take time to equalize each day: perform a quick check of all areas in the classroom to make sure they are organized (each student checking their own desk and cubby, class jobs can include students responsible for checking work stations). Make this fun by playing music, singing, etc.